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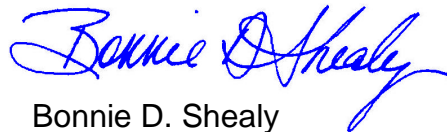
**Re: Birch Communications and Ernest Communications, Inc.'s
Application to Approve Transfer of Assets
Docket No. 2013-216-C
Our File No. 30803-0005**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc., please find the verified Direct Testimony of Christopher J. Bunce and Birch's Motion for Expedited Review. The S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose the Joint Application or the Motion for Expedited Review. By copy of this letter we are serving the same on ORS. Should you need additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, MCFADDEN & MOORE, P.C.


Bonnie D. Shealy

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Enclosures

cc w/enc: Courtney Edwards, Esquire (via email & U.S. Mail)
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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2013-216-C**

In Re:

**Joint Application of Birch
Communications, Inc.; Birch
Telecom of the South, Inc., dba
Birch Communications; and
Ernest Communications, Inc. for
Approval to Transfer Assets**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Toni C. Hawkins, a Paralegal with the law firm of Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., have this day caused to be served upon the person(s) named below the **verified Direct Testimony of Christopher J. Bunce and Motion for Expedited Review** in the foregoing matter by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed as follows:

Courtney Edwards, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
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Dated at Columbia, South Carolina this 24th day of July, 2013.



Toni C. Hawkins